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| For: SHELF STORAGE FACILITY |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, applicants request that the following amendments be entered. The amendments are incorporated in the formatted Substitute Specification submitted herewith. A copy of the original application, together with a CompareRite® version showing the amendments made to the original application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (2001), are also submitted herewith. No new matter has been introduced in these amendments to the original specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1-30 as follows.

1. (Amended) Shelf storage facility comprising

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